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Comments on Project 36.2045 - Trends in the Electronics Industry
of Communist China

1. Subject project develops an estimate of the magnitude, growth, and composition of the Chinese electronics industry from the meager available data. Although the data appears to be too restricted in nature to permit an independent check on the estimate, the methodology developed in the paper seems to be reasonable. The estimate itself, though necessarily an approximation, should be useful as a preliminary approximation. The project is therefore judged to be of value to the community and hence worthy of publication.

2. In order to conform to current regulations, however, it will be necessary to convert the yuan estimate into a dollar value. Rather than make this conversion at official rates it is suggested that a conversion be made on the basis of the yuan/dollar ratios developed in the Methodology and that the dollar values be shown graphically for selected years.

3. Comments and suggestions on a number of specific points are advanced in the attached Notes. I shall be happy to discuss these comments with you and [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

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